

Date | Time: March 4, 2009
Chair: Sean Cryan
Recorder: Sean Ardussi
Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Distribution:

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Ann Boyd
- Deborah Kuznitz
- Lindsay Pesheck
- Sean Cryan
- Blake Trask
- Craig M. Benjamin
- John Beaulaurier
- Sean Ardussi
- Naomi Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Ryan Dean
- Jeff Frkonja
- Evan Brown

OTHER GUESTS

- Aili Lepard
- Jill Bodnar
- Monica Dewald, SDOT
- Enzo Paschino

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Sean Cryan calls meeting to order 6:06PM
- Jill Bodnar
 - A problematic intersection exists at the North end of the Ballard Bridge. New development is creating more demand for this area and many bicyclists need to safely ride through the area as there are limited alternative and it acts as something of a chokepoint. Safety concerns are a major issue.
 - Discussion ensues about safety and signage at this intersection, as well as the new development where Trader Joes is being developed. Car traffic will increase, and bicycle safety needs to be addressed right away. Bicycle parking appears to be insufficient.
- Michael Snyder
 - Provides bicycle safety educational materials to Board members for distribution. Also comments that traffic volumes in the area discussed by Jill are indeed seeing increased traffic.
 - Also, sharrows are not widely understood and some reports of bicyclists are being harassed in locations where there are sharrows.
- Aili Lepard

- East Marginal Way bike lane is now obliterated. More than normal which is partly due to the snow but also from new turnout for trucks. How should potholes be reported? There are many and they are particularly dangerous in this area.
- Spokane St Viaduct construction will reroute traffic over bike crossings and will be an area to watch since the West Seattle low bridge is a primary corridor for bicyclists. The bicycle lane on the East side of East Marginal is no longer effective as the lines have been entirely destroyed, partly as a result of the detour from the project at the Port of Seattle. Cars park on the new asphalt that was laid down last year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of February minutes deferred to April

INFORMATION & NEWS

- Monica Dewald (SDOT)
 - Bike Spots are being used in areas to supplement / complement signs, and now sometimes it is being used without signs, particularly in the Northeast part of the city at this time.
 - Distributes the new 2009 bike map and points out that some new facilities are reflected in this.
 - SDOT is considering a reorganization of how bicycle and pedestrian needs are dealt with and a more holistic approach through all departments is being investigated.
 - Flashing crosswalks (in pavement flashers) are being tried out in arterials where conditions warrant. Four lane arterials are typically considered where there is sufficient traffic. Arterials on Alaskan Way and in Lake City have some examples of this and Monica is open to suggestions for 2010 installations.
- Ryan Dean
 - Produced a draft of the 2008 SBAB Report Card and it is on the Yahoo Group. Comments by Sunday.
- John Beaulaurier
 - Stopped at the Nickerson St open house. Local residents are concerned that SDOT had not adequately considered traffic needs and there was some idea that bicyclists should use the Ship Canal trail, even though it is off the main thoroughfare and leads to nowhere. Pedestrian and bicycle improvements are being planned.
 - Tri Party Update– Bored Tunnel update and its impacts was the last topic. Underpass for going under Aurora was discussed but will be replaced by an indirect, less intuitive solution.
 - Blake - There will be a number of conflict points, particularly at Dexter.
 - Fauntleroy rechannelization will begin in May. Bike lanes uphill and sharrows downhill. Farther down near the Ferry there are plans for a new ferry waiting lane that precludes inclusion of a bike lane as called for in the BMP.
 - Discussion ensues about how we are supposed to be engaged in a case like this where there is a significant change from BMP. Monica explains that the BMP is about guidelines and not specific engineering level recommendations. In some places these recommendations don't measure out.
- Sean Cryan
 - Sound Transit Bicycle Advisory Group is looking at plans for including bikes on trains and at stations. Each train has a couple of hooks per car; each train would therefore have only 8 bikes per train. Bicycle parking at the stations is inadequate. This group will continue to look into station area planning for bicycles. Bicycle access will be a part of the rollout for grand opening this year.

- Hands out the 2009 goals spreadsheet and discusses some of the opportunities related to our discussion of holding a meeting in Southeast Seattle. Sound Transit, Dept of Neighborhoods, and other opportunities make this a good time for this.
 - Discussion – how to go about taking advantage of SE section light rail opening? What do we want to achieve?
 - Should the focus be to draw attention around transit stations for bicycle connectivity? Is the focus about bicycle connectivity in a particular neighborhood, SE in this particular case?
 - Concepts for a bikeability tour – where and how should we do it? How to relate back to the idea for a meeting? Station area focus is important.
 - Organize a bikeability tour of SE Seattle and include other stakeholders, be more inclusive Cascade, SDOT, SE community members maybe.
 - 3 Stations are updating Neighborhood plans, Beacon Hill, Othello, and Mt Baker in 09. How many rides? What exactly is the focus?
 - Sean Cryan proposes to draft a letter with a broad proposal for these concepts with a tentative meeting date in SE Sector at a location to be determined. This letter could go to potential groups who may be receptive to participation. This letter is to solicit interest and ideas for further collaboration around this general idea.
 - Other groups could help identify key locations, issues, and opportunities.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM